

With respect to claim 15, 23 and 24, applicants repeat the above arguments and submit that they define over the prior art for the reasons stated above regarding claim 1.

With respect to dependant claims 2, 9, 10, 12-14 and 16-24, applicant submit that these claims depend directly or indirectly from the independent claims discussed above and should be allowed at least for the same reasons discussed for their respective base claims and in view of their own further recitations.

Conclusion

Each and every point raised in the Office Action dated September 7, 2005 has been addressed on the basis of the above amendments and remarks. In view of the foregoing it is believed that claims 1-2, 9,10 and 12-24 are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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